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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of)
AMY WEINER ET AL)
Serial No. 08/757,958)
Filed: November 25, 1996)

Group Art Unit To Be Assigned
Examiner: To Be Assigned
Atty. Docket No. 02441.02168

For: **CONSERVED MOTIF OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS E2/NS1 REGION**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to examination of this application, please enter the following amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-39, and add new claims 40-53.

40. (Newly Added) An immunogenic polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence motif,

Xaa-Thr-Xaa-Val-Thr-Gly-Gly-Xaa-Ala-Ala-Arg-Thr-Thr-Xaa-Gly-Xaa-Xaa-Ser-
H1 Leu-Phe-Xaa-Xaa-Gly-Xaa-Ser-Gln-Xaa-Ile-Gln-Leu-Ile (SEQ ID NO:8)

wherein the amino acid sequence motif is the only sequence corresponding to a hypervariable domain of hepatitis C virus.

41. (Newly Added) A fusion protein comprising the immunogenic polypeptide of claim

40.
42. (Newly Added) The immunogenic polypeptide of claim 40 linked to a suitable carrier.